



Proposed Community Planning Meeting Agendas/Schedules

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work."

— Daniel Hudson Burnham (1846-1912)

Meeting 1. Tuesday, May 20th @ 6:30 pm

Topic: Growth Areas

Synopsis: *Future growth of the town of Milton will most likely include the annexing of adjacent parts of the county into the town's incorporated limits. This discussion will focus on planned and expected growth in the county-held areas abutting Milton's current incorporated boundaries.*

Invited Resources: Lawrence Lank, Sussex County Planning & Zoning Director

Meeting 2. Monday, June 9th @ 6:30 pm

Topic: Transportation

Synopsis: *This meeting will include a presentation by DelDOT, outlining the agency's planned infrastructure improvements in the Milton area, and will include a discussion of current transportation challenges and expected growth. These will include vehicular transportation as well as pedestrian needs, sidewalks and walking trail interconnectivity. The discussion will also look at the area's growing network of bicycle routes and trails and develop a plan for Milton to tie into this increasingly important tourism and recreational amenity.*

Invited Resources: DelDOT

(Tuesday, June 17: Regularly-Scheduled P&Z Meeting)

Meeting 3. Wednesday, June 25 @ 6:30PM (confirmed)

Topic: Core Values

Synopsis: *A town's comprehensive plan should reflect the values and aspirations of its residents. As the town develops its plan, residents and property owners will develop a list of the town's core values, which will provide a base upon which to make future decisions during the planning process.*

Invited Resources: all residents, arts community, open space advocates, business owners, historical society leadership and members

(Tuesday, July 15: Regularly-Scheduled P&Z Meeting)

Meeting 4. Saturday, July 19th @ 10:30 am (confirmed)

Topic: Town Center

Synopsis: *Downtown Milton has many vacant historic structures, with a few currently being renovated to house new businesses. This meeting will explore what steps must be taken to attract businesses to downtown Milton and will consider what types of businesses would most enliven the town center.*

Invited Resources: *downtown business owners (Premier Centre for the Arts, Glen Howard, Stephanie Boright, Ami Rae, Irish Eyes, Dogfish Head Brewery), downtown property owners, all residents, Chamber of Commerce*

Meeting 5. Monday, July 28 @ 6:30PM (confirmed)

Topic: The River

Synopsis: *Many Milton residents see the Broadkill River as the town's most important yet underutilized asset. This meeting will explore how the river can become a more visible and important feature, and what steps must be taken to restore and protect it.*

Invited Resources: DenREC, Tidewater

Meeting 6. Wednesday, August 13th @ 1PM (confirmed)

Topic: Historic District & Community Design Guidelines

Synopsis: *The Milton historic district has effectively protected several of the town's architectural treasures and has helped to preserve the character of the town. In order to build upon this solid foundation, we will review the current boundaries of the historic district, inventory other valuable architectural assets that might be similarly protected and determine whether changes or expansions should be made. This meeting will also focus on developing guidelines for community design to preserve and enhance the community's unique character.*

Invited Resources: Milton Historic Society, Historic Preservation Committee, SHPO

(Tuesday, August 19: Regularly-Scheduled P&Z Meeting)

Meeting 7. Saturday, August 23 @ 10:30AM (confirmed)

Topic: Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Protection

Synopsis: *The state of Delaware requires an **Environmental Protection Plan**, a **Land Use Plan** and an **Open Space and Recreation Plan** as part of each community's Comprehensive Plan. This meeting will give participants an opportunity to lay out a comprehensive plan for how the community preserves and uses its open spaces.*

Invited Resources:

(Tuesday, September 16: Regularly-Scheduled P&Z Meeting) (If there are no applications, we will use this meeting as a “catch our breath” meeting. If there are applications, we will add a meeting on September 10)

Meeting 8. Saturday, September 20 @ 10:30AM (confirmed)

Topic: Affordable Housing & Community Development

Synopsis: *Milton strives to be a welcoming and affordable home to residents of all financial means; it also has a desire and responsibility to attract businesses and development. This meeting will explore how the town can broaden its tax base and encourage development while maintaining affordability for residents of all means.*

Invited Resources:

Meeting 9. Week of September 22 (Mark Quigley to approach Milton Theater to find available dates)

Topic: Cultural Resources

Synopsis: The arts have become an increasingly important part of Milton’s resurgence. The shuttered Milton Theater has reopened as the home of the Premier Centre for the Arts, and a closed antiques mall will soon become *Milton Mercantile*, where locally-produced foodstuffs and products will be produced and sold. A former small engine repair shop has been renovated to serve as studio space for the town’s burgeoning artist community, and an obsolete mid-20th century post office is finding new life as an artist’s residence and studio. This meeting will explore how Milton can harness the growing local arts scene as a mechanism for community growth and a means to improve the quality of life for the local community.

Invited Resources: Milton Arts League, The Studios on Walnut Street, Glen Howard (Milton Mercantile) Dogfish Head Brewery, Milton Historical Society, Premier Center for the Arts

Meeting 10. Thursday, October 9

Topic: Community Development Plan

Synopsis: *Having considered a range of specific topics (the river, downtown, transportation, etc), the town will develop policies, statements, goals and plans to address the town's most pressing community development goals and challenges.*

Invited Resources:

(Tuesday, October 21: Regularly-Scheduled P&Z Meeting)

Meeting 11. Thursday, October 23

Topic: Economic Development Plan

Synopsis: *Having considered a range of specific topics (the river, downtown, transportation, etc), the town will develop policies, statements, goals and plans to attract and retain businesses and job opportunities.*

Invited Resources: Economic Develop Committee, Milton Chamber of Commerce

Meeting 12. Tuesday, November 4

Topic: Community Facilities Plan

Synopsis: *The Town of Milton offers and maintains a range of facilities and services for its residents. This meeting will discuss ways to improve these services and facilities.*

Invited Resources:

Meeting 13. Thursday, November 20

Topic: Front Street

Synopsis: *Front Street is a primary route of entry to Milton's downtown. It also parallels one of the town's most distinctive but overlooked features - the Broadkill River. Unfortunately, this potentially important route is marred by abandoned buildings, a town Public Works yard and a wastewater treatment plant. Views of the river are blocked by vegetation, the water treatment plant and an abandoned and decaying*

chicken processing building. The street often floods. This meeting will explore how the town can make Front Street a more fitting entrance to the town, and make better use of its close proximity to the river.

Invited Resources: Milton Fire Department, Front Street property owners, Mayor, Town Council, Wilmington Trust representative, Quest representative

(Tuesday, November 18: Regularly-Scheduled P&Z Meeting)

Meeting 14. Tuesday, December 9

Topic: Presentation of Draft Plan

Synopsis: *After several months of work and community engagement, the Town of Milton will have developed a fairly detailed vision for its future. This meeting will give the community an opportunity to see the draft Comprehensive Plan and provide final comments.*